

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of September 23, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Deliberative Process (b) (5)



Western Brownfields Workshop (San Francisco, CA): Brownfield Programs in Regions 8, 9 and 10 are hosting a combined two-day intensive workshop on brownfields revitalization September 28-29 at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in San Francisco. The workshop is geared towards the unique characteristics of Western states and tribes. The workshop will focus on leveraging resources, promoting in fill development, protecting public health, adapting to climate change, revitalizing tribal lands and effective grant management. The workshop is designed to allow networking between EPA, other federal agencies, brownfields grantees and the private sector. The workshop will feature concurrent sessions both panel and interactive sessions allowing for greater dialogue amongst attendees. There are over 275 people registered for the Workshop. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

Cove Abandoned Uranium Mine Site Tour (Cove, AZ): EPA Navajo team member Randy Nattis and managers Will Duncan and Clancy Tenley will conduct a tour of the Cove Chapter abandoned uranium mines with Navajo Nation President Russel Begaye and other distinguished guests from the Navajo Nation government on September 22. The group will meet at the Chapter House and visit the Environmental Response Information Center before proceeding to "Mesa II" and "Mesa V" to visit the mines and discuss challenges with accessing and cleaning up the mines. (Contact: Will Duncan, x2-3412 or Gaelle Glickfield, x2-3045)

Bayview EJ Task Force Meeting at City College, Southeast Campus (San Francisco, CA): On September 15, David Yogi, Julia Field, and Jackie Lane attended an evening meeting of the Bayview EJ Task Force at the City College, Southeast campus. There were over 35 attendees. During the meeting, Golden Gate Law School presented its findings after investigating three major companies located near San Francisco Piers 92 & 95, which hosted companies Cemex,

Hanson Aggregates and Central Concrete. Working with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), these companies have been notified of non-compliance issues related to company permits and how they are handling certain dust creating activities on property. BAAQMD is conducting thorough investigations and working with the companies to get them into compliance. In addition, **Personal Privacy 6**, announced that within in the next three weeks he will file a \$500 million lawsuit concerning the Shipyard cleanup and the Tetra Tech contracting issue. (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4197 and Jackie Lane, x2-3236)

Tucson International Airport Area (TIAA) Superfund Site Wins Environmental Award (Tucson, AZ): TIAA and the City of Tucson received two first-place awards at Arizona Forward's 36th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards. The site was recognized for its Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) project in the Energy and Technology Innovation category and also in the Environmental Stewardship category. The AOP project was designed and constructed to treat 1,4 Dioxane and TCE which are present in groundwater being pumped and treated at the site. This is the first process of its kind to be used in Arizona and the system operates in conjunction with the Tucson International Airport Area Groundwater Remediation Project (TARP) to produce up to 8 million gallons of purified water per day. The system was inspected and certified for operation by Region 9 EPA and began use in 2013. It now serves as a model for other sites which are dealing with 1,4 Dioxane as a contaminant of concern. <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/new-media-release-2>. (Contact: Mary Aycock, x2-3289)

Oceania Regional Response Team, State Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Planning Committee Meetings: On September 19-23, we will hold a series of meetings with response, preparedness and prevention partners in Honolulu. Topics will include the revision of pre-approval plans for dispersant application, activities at Tern Island to evaluate impacts to the endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal, streamlining inland area planning and the pending conclusion of our activities at the Aircraft Services International Group oil discharge at Sand Island. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

SCAQMD Community Meeting on Torrance Refinery September 19: At SCAQMD Director Wayne Nastri's invitation, Enrique Manzanilla and Kay Lawrence attended a community meeting in Torrance to discuss the EPA risk management plan regulations and to listen to community concerns about the Torrance Refinery. The meeting was hosted by SCAQMD and moderated by Wayne Nastri. Over 100 people were in the audience as well as two SCAQMD board members, SCAQMD chief operating officer Jill Whynot, and staff from several Federal and State representative offices. Congressman Ted Lieu gave opening remarks as did Assemblyman David Hadley. Press coverage included both print and television stations. As part of the meeting agenda, Kay Lawrence provided a presentation on EPA's federal risk management program and provided some commentary on the Torrance refinery in particular. Public comment on the refinery capped the meeting which lasted about two hours and was generally well received. (Contact: Kathryn Lawrence, x2-3039)

Luncheon with Sector LA/LB and San Diego USCG Captain of the Port (COTP): Rob Wise, Lance Richman and personnel with USCG District 11 met with Captain Joseph Buzzella and Captain Charlene Downey and other USCG Sector response personnel last week.

Discussions focused on the recently released Federal Interagency Operations Plan – Response and Recovery, Oil/Chemical Incident Annex, June 2016. EPA OSC training and the role of the joint EPA-USCG Regional Response Team. These luncheons are a best practice that are part of our after action efforts from last year’s Refugio Oil Spill. (Contact: Lance Richman, x2-3022)

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

San Gabriel Valley - Puente Valley OU: On September 22, we will provide a Site Update to the City of Industry City Council. Over 70+ facilities located within the City of Industry were responsible for the large regional groundwater contamination to be addressed by the PVOU Interim Remedy. Although we have provided staff updates, the last formal update to the City Council was in 2008. Two groundwater treatment facilities and associated conveyance pipeline will be constructed within the City of Industry and treated water is planned for distribution to the City under DDW drinking water permit. (Contact: Ray Chavira, x7-4218)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) 2

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